

SCOUTS OBSERVING ANNIVERSARY

Property Valuation To Reach Sixteen Millions

CONCERNS GIVEN EXTRA TIME TO SUBMIT RETURNS

Expansion In Industry; New Businesses Account For Present Rise

BUYING SPURTS

Property valuation in Transylvania county is expected to reach at least 16 million, according to George Justus, county tax supervisor.

While tax listing without penalty ended in Transylvania on February 1, a number of businesses and industries requested extension of time for listing.

"Because of these extensions, it is impossible to give a definite figure of valuation for Transylvania at this time," Mr. Justus declared.

Last year property valuation in the town and county amounted to approximately 14½ million dollars and the increase this year is expected to be about 10 per cent.

"During the year, industry was expanded in the county, a large number of new businesses were opened, and a large number of new houses was built in the county," Mr. Justus commented.

The tax supervisor also pointed out that local citizens listed more personal property than in previous years. This could be attributed to the fact that during recent months people have been buying before appliances, household furnishings and other items become scarce.

Heading the list of valuations in the county is the Ecusta property, which will be materially augmented when the Olin Industries property is added. Both of these firms requested and were granted an extension of time for listing.

WORK STARTED ON CREST STORE

Will Occupy Building At Old A&P Location; Hawkins To Manage

Extensive remodeling is underway at the present time on the building formerly occupied by the A&P super market on Broad, and within the next 30 days officials of Crest 5 & 10 cent stores will open an elaborate variety store in the building.

According to Dan Hawkins, the manager of the new variety store, Crest will have a floor space of 42 by 100 feet, making use of the entire downstairs floor, and the second floor will be used for storage. An elevator is now being installed in the structure.

Mr. Hawkins was formerly manager of Cassel's here and states that the new Crest store should be opened by the end of February or the first of March.

"There are 14 other Crest stores with home offices in Charlotte, and I feel the new concern here will be a decided asset to the shopping public of Brevard and Transylvania county," Mr. Hawkins declared.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 8—Mathatasian club meets at Mrs. Jerry Jerome's, 3:30. Masonic meeting in hall at 8 o'clock. Transylvania Wildlife club, 8 o'clock, over city hall.

Friday, Feb. 9—Brevard college loyalty campaign Dutch luncheon, Coffee shop, 1 o'clock. World Day of Prayer service, 4 p. m., St. Philip's Episcopal church. Shrine club fish supper, Masonic hall, 5 to 8 p. m. Boy Scout court of honor, Gladly Branch church, 7:30 p. m. United Forces for Education rally, courtroom at 8 o'clock. Square dance in American Legion building, 8:30.

Saturday, Feb. 10—Brevard Music Lovers club meets with Mrs. Walter Straus, 3 p. m.

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Popular Cops—The Shortest, The Tallest



RAYMOND ENGLISH, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon English, poses with OFFICER ASHLEY DICKSON, following a tour of traffic duty at the Brevard elementary school. Young English has worked with the Brevard policemen and the school boy patrol for the past two years and is quite a popular youngster. Officer Dickson has resigned from the Brevard force to accept a position in the new cellophane plant at Ecusta, and will leave for Clinton, Iowa, next week where he will go through a period of training.

(Times Staff Photo)

Will Take Green Acres Into Brevard City Limits, Discuss Raising Taxi Rates At Meet

Lewis Gravely Joins Local Police Force Replacing Officer Dickson

Green Acres, a sub-division adjacent to the city limits in North Brevard, is expected to be taken into the town at the next regular meeting of the board of aldermen.

At Monday night's meeting, the landowners in the section petitioned the town, requesting that Green Acres be included in the city limits of Brevard.

Notice is being run in the paper of the petition, which contains more than a dozen signatures, and it is expected to receive favorable action at the next meeting of the board.

In the absence of Mayor S. E. Varner, W. M. Melton, an alderman and mayor pro tem, presided at the board meeting.

A number of managers of taxi concerns in Brevard and taxi drivers attended the session and considerable discussion was given to taxi rates here.

The board members point out that due to a number of complaints from citizens in the community, they wanted to discuss the situation with the owners and operators. It was explained by the spokesman for the delegation that rates were on a par with those in

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Work Intensified In College Loyalty Drive; County-Wide Committee Meets

County-wide canvassing in the Brevard college loyalty drive will be started on Friday following a luncheon meeting of committee members in the Coffee shop at 1 o'clock. Representatives in every section of the county have been appointed to serve in this loyalty drive, and headquarters will be the chamber of commerce office on the courthouse lawn.

Letters and pledge cards are going in the mails to hundreds of citizens in the town and county, and pledges should be made to

COLLECTION OF 1950 TAXES SHOW GAIN, KING SAYS

Nearly 76 Per Cent Of Total Charged To Him Paid Prior To Feb. 1

Frank C. King, tax collector, said yesterday that he had collected of 1950 taxes up until February 1 of this year \$219,100.13, or 75.8 per cent of the total of \$289,296.90 charged to him. This sum, Mr. King said, was about two per cent ahead of last year.

Collection of back taxes for the same period starting October 1, 1950, amounted to \$9,109.31, the tax collector said.

Mr. King gave the amount of collections of 1950 taxes for the town as \$48,368, or 83 per cent of the total as compared with nearly 76 per cent for both the town and county. Mr. King accounted for the higher ratio for the town by saying that he contacted large taxpayers by phone as the dates for penalties approached and secured payments from them. It is not practicable to do this, he pointed

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WELLS REPORTS MARCH OF DIMES QUOTA IS IN SIGHT

Over \$1,100 Raised In Mothers' Canvass; Schools Give More

Transylvania county's \$5,000 March of Dimes quota is almost in sight, according to a tabulation released today by J. O. Wells, the chairman of the Kiwanis club committee which has been sponsoring the campaign locally.

The finance committee for the March of Dimes has to date \$3,800 on hand, and Mr. Wells points out that this does not include many of the industrial and business men's donations.

He paid high tribute to the Mothers' March Friday night which has already netted \$1,122. A number of women out in the county have not yet reported the amount they received, and they are expected to bring this total to a higher figure.

The schools of Transylvania have contributed far more this year than in any previous campaign, it is pointed out. The figures for this show that Brevard elementary gave \$452.55; Brevard high, \$450.96; Rosman schools, \$274.91; Little River, \$25; Connettee, \$5; and Silversteen, \$9.70.

At Brevard, Mrs. Mitchell Neely's students gave \$43, the highest for any one room. Principal J. E. Ruffy had this to say about the successful campaign: "I am especially proud of the fine contribution made by the teachers and respective classes, because they donated for the pure joy of contributing to a worthy cause. No rewards or prizes were offered. These boys and girls seem to have been rewarded through the joy of

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North Carolina GENERAL ASSEMBLY ROUND-UP

The house education committee is expected at an early date to make its recommendations on a bill by Rep. Fisher which will pledge the county capital outlay for school buildings for 1951 to the erection of a school building either in North Brevard or Lake Toxaway. The committee conducted a hearing last Thursday at which proponents of each side were heard. Supt. J. B. Jones said yesterday that he had no idea what the nature of the committee's findings would be.

Rep. Fisher has introduced a bill in the house which would authorize the town of Brevard to use the unexpended portion of the proceeds of a \$500,000 sewer and water bond issue to complete its water improvement and expansion program. If approved, this bill would permit the town to use the funds originally earmarked for sewer improvements to meet unanticipated expense of the water improvement program.

The house committee on manufacturing and labor yesterday

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Board Recommends Whitmire For Fire Warden's Position

Frank Whitmire, of Rosman, has been recommended by the county board of commissioners as county fire warden, and the appointment will be made by the state board of conservation and development at Raleigh.

This action was taken at the regular meeting of the commissioners on Monday in the courthouse. Elam Galloway has been serving as fire warden in Transylvania on a temporary appointment.

The commissioners discussed a number of regular routine business matters prior to adjournment.

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Local Scouts Observing Boy Scout Week



LEADERS, BOYS ALL OVER NATION MARK BIRTHDAY

"Strengthen Liberty" Theme Chosen; Court Of Honor Friday Night

TO OPERATE TOWN

Boy Scouts in Transylvania, more than 200 strong, are this week busy observing the 41st anniversary of Boy Scouts in America.

The week is being observed in every part of the nation by more than 2,750,000 boys and adult leaders, and "Strengthen Liberty" is the birthday theme.

One of the highlight features of Scout week here will be the court of honor on Friday night at the Gladly Branch church on the Rosman highway at Rocky Hill. Troop No. 6 is host to the meeting, and Scoutmaster Eston Phillips says a good program is in the offing.

Meeting time is 7:30 o'clock, and according to Alex Kizer, chairman of advancements in the county, a large number of boys will be promoted at the honor court and many will receive merit badges.

On Saturday of this week the Boy Scouts of Brevard and Transylvania will take over municipal affairs and will operate the town. They will assist in the city hall, work with the policeman, and help answer fire calls with the volunteer firemen.

The local troops have exhibitions on the courthouse lawn, and all persons interested are urged to observe these fine projects of the Scouts.

Sunday morning the Scouts of the town and county will go to church en masse at the First Methodist church of Brevard, and the pastor, Rev. J. Julian Holmes, will

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Radio Station Stockholders Are Pleased With Services Rendered By Station WPNF

CHECKS RECEIVED BY THIS COUNTY IN TIMBER SALES

Total Amount Approximately \$1,200 Less Than Last Year's Figure

Transylvania has received two checks totaling \$6,529.14 for timber sales in the Pisgah National Forest and in the Nantahala forest for the year June 30, 1949 to June 30, 1950, George Justus, the tax supervisor, reported today.

"This amount is approximately \$1,200 less than the county received last year for timber sales in the Pisgah and Nantahala," Mr. Justus declared.

For sales in the Pisgah, the county received \$6,251.24, while the total for the Nantahala area was \$277.90.

Planning Church Census For County

A number of churches in Brevard and vicinity are making plans to participate in a county-wide church census.

A preliminary meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Baptist church and representatives of all interested denominations are asked to be at this meeting.

Mrs. Brown Carr, who underwent an operation in Mission hospital, Asheville, on Monday, is reported to be getting along nicely.

Thank Local Merchants And Industries And Urge Continued Support

At an annual meeting Monday, officers and stockholders of the Pisgah Broadcasting company stated that they were pleased with the fine record of public service, the high listening audience, the general programming and the overall operation of radio station WPNF during its first six months of operation.

They also expressed appreciation to the merchants and to the public for the splendid support and co-operation, and commended the management and staff of the station.

"During our first six months of operation, we have tried to demonstrate the value of local radio broadcasting service to the town and county and we are highly gratified with the public response," President Ed M. Anderson said.

He pointed out that right much money is invested in the station and that the minimum cost of operation is fairly high. To be a success, the station must have enough advertising revenue to meet its expenses and we are holding these expenses to the lowest possible figure, he declared.

Mr. Anderson stated that business during the first six months of operation had exceeded expectations, but that no dividend could be declared.

"If the merchants and local industrial firms continue their support in the future as they have in the past, we can continue and expand our services and general operation," he said.

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WPNF Program Highlights

Ecusta Band To Broadcast From The High School Thursday Over WPNF

The outstanding Ecusta band will give a concert in the Brevard high school auditorium Thursday afternoon, and a 30-minute portion of it, beginning at 1:15 o'clock, will be broadcast through the remote facilities of WPNF.

Under the direction of John Eversman, the Ecusta band is composed of 60 talented boys and girls of Brevard and Transylvania county. Many of the parents of the band members work at Ecus-

ta, but membership in the band is decided upon by competitive tests.

The group practices three times each week in the Ecusta cafeteria, and the boys and girls are carried to and from Ecusta in buses at no expense to them. Private lessons are also included in the training program as well as a summer school session at Camp Sapphire.

The program on Thursday will be varied, Mr. Eversman said,

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OBSERVE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Special Service Is Being Planned At St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Friday, which is World Day of Prayer, is being observed here with an interdenominational service from 4 to 5 o'clock at St. Philip's Episcopal church.

Church women in Brevard, in cooperation with the United Council of Church Women, are planning this program under the supervision of Mrs. David G. Ward.

"There has never before been such a need for united Christian prayers," the chairman said in urging women of all faiths to attend this program.

Churches throughout the town will all be opened on Friday in order that their congregations may use them for prayer and meditation.

The World Day of Prayer program is prepared each year for presentation by women throughout the world, and it is held simultaneously in this and other countries.

Boylston Baptist Church Destroyed By Fire Sunday

The Boylston Baptist church which is located just across the Transylvania line in Henderson county, was completely destroyed by fire between 1 and 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. A. Cox is pastor of the church.

The building was engulfed in flames when it was discovered by Sidney McGuinn, who was passing in his car on the highway some distance from the edifice.

Mr. McGuinn summoned the help of neighbors, but they were unable to fight the fire, and the only furnishings of the church saved were several chairs in one of the Sunday school rooms.

It is reported that no insurance was carried on the church. No theories have been advanced as to how the blaze might have started.